

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NEUCHATEL - QUARTERLY REPORT

DIVISION : PROCESS DEVELOPMENT  
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**OBJECTIVES**

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PM-EEMA, Area Operations assistance and co-ordination of primary upgrade proposals and recommendations.

Give technical support in developing specific process recommendations for new primary installations or upgrading existing facilities.

**STATUS**

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During week 4, 1988, a joint meeting was conducted in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, with Fabrica Duvana Sarajevo (FDS), EEMA Management and Process Development R&D, for the purpose of formulating a primary improvement plan for the FDS factory. This protocol was issued in February and approved by PM EEMA and FDS (1).

Follow-up visits were made in weeks 42 and 44, 1988, to Sarajevo to assist in the start-up of the new or renovated primary equipment. The visits were made with PM-EEMA Area Operations, a TTG Richmond engineer and a representative from Process Development Neuchâtel (2).

PM licensed production was restarted for both Bond Street and Marlboro. A check-list of additional primary modifications to further improve process quality and control was issued by PM-EEMA Area Operations in week 50, 1988 (3).

A primary improvement proposal for the SITAB, Bouake, factory in the Ivory Coast was reviewed in week 47 between PM-EEMA Area Operations and Process Development. Recommendations were formulated for an improved equipment layout as well as process control equipment to more consistently meet PM process specifications and improve filler quality for BBS processing and the stem line (4).

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